

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1213 - SB 1411**

March 10, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Urges the State Board of Education to establish a high school curriculum for a combined economics and financial literacy two semester course.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditure - \$4,300/One-Time**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$581,400/One-Time\***

Assumptions:

- A curriculum formulation team composed of one teacher from each Grand Division, one supervisor, and at least one Department of Education (DOE) staff member will meet a minimum of two meetings for three days each.
- Two teachers will receive per diem, lodging, and travel costs.
- DOE estimates per diem, travel costs, lodging, and lunch costs for two three day meetings for two teachers will be approximately \$2,998.08 for \$838.08 in mileage reimbursement, \$1,404 for lodging, \$756 per diem.
- DOE will pay a total of \$216 for working lunches for staff members not receiving per diem (6 lunches x \$12 per lunch x 3 staff).
- Cost for substitute teachers will be \$60 per day, per teacher. One three-day meeting will be \$540 (3 teachers x 3 days). Total cost for two meetings will be approximately \$1,080 (\$540 x 2 x \$60).
- Total increase in one-time state expenditures will be \$4,294.08 (\$2,998.08 + \$1,080 + \$216).
- Textbook review teams will meet to approve a course book in the normal six-year cycle of review.
- If a course is established, it will be mandatory for graduation. All 323 high schools will implement this course.
- Textbooks will cost approximately \$60 per book and approximately \$1,800 per class (\$60 x 30 students). Costs for 323 high schools to offer one section will be approximately \$581,400 (\$1,800 per class x 323). If

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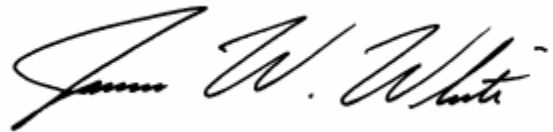
high schools offer more than one section per year, additional costs will be incurred.

- Any cost for additional teachers is dependent upon the number that will need to be hired, if any. Cost per teacher will be approximately \$48,000.
- No change in BEP formula.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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